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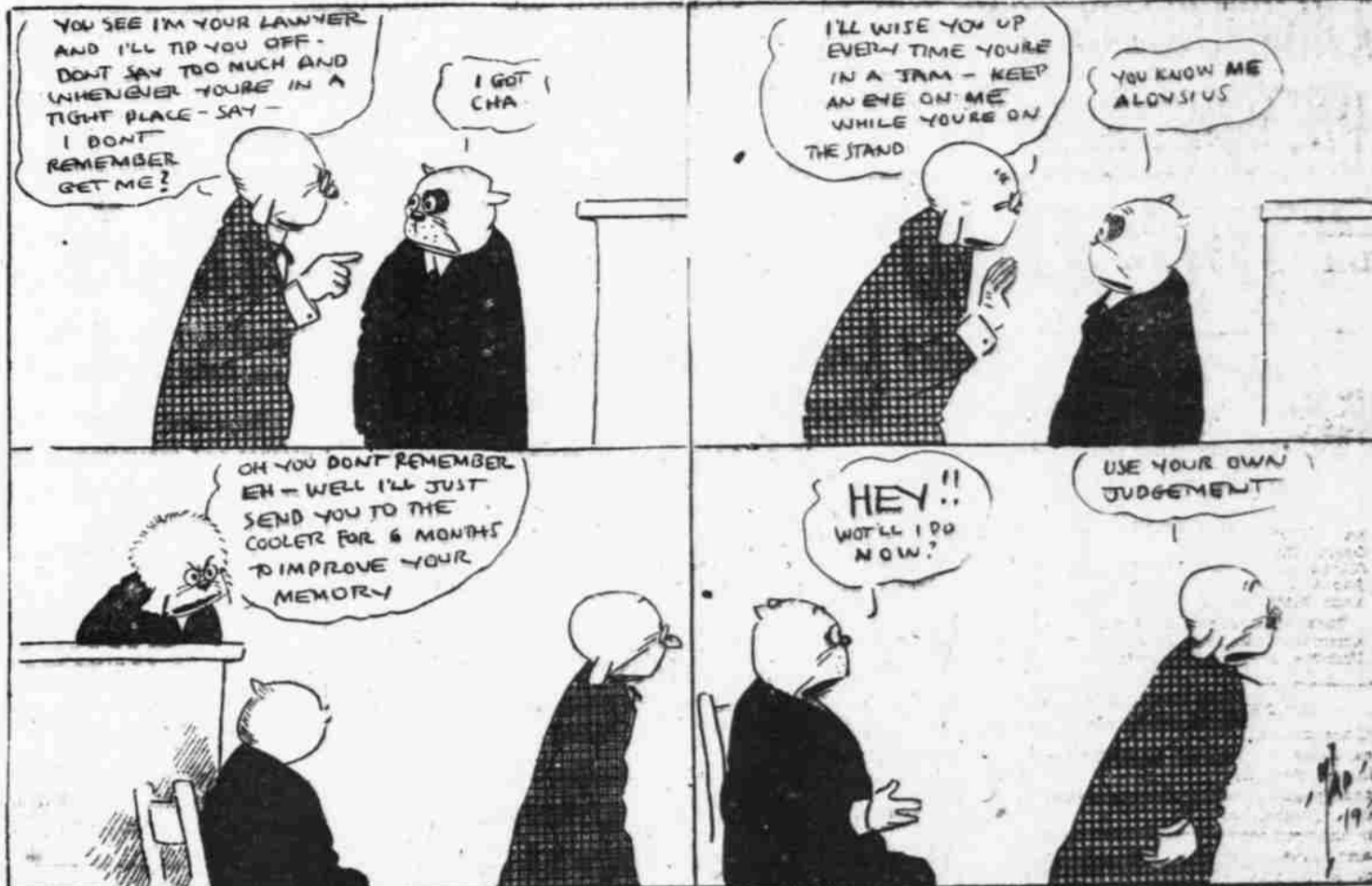
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## POSTAL, PIONEER DIAMOND MOGUL HERE, IS DEAD IN DETROIT HOME

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Fred Postal, the first president of the Washington American League club, is dead in Detroit after a brief illness. For years he had been proprietor of the Hotel Griawold, in the City of Straits, and for five years had been president of the Detroit Driving Club, maintaining his interest in sports to the end.

When Ban Johnson decided to invade the East in 1901, Washington was one of the cities he included. The National League had reduced its circuit from twelve to eight clubs at the close of the season of 1900, dropping Cleveland, Baltimore, Louisville and Washington.

Fred Postal was financially interested in the Detroit American League club and was easily prevailed upon by Johnson to finance the Washington club. James M. Manning, who had been president and manager of the Kansas City American League the year before, came here and managed the first club the new league ever had in the Capital.

Thomas J. Loftis, of Dubuque, Iowa, succeeded Manning as manager of the Washington club in 1902. In 1904, Postal withdrew from the club, Loftis succeeding him as president, though he continued to act as manager for the season of 1904.

The late Thomas C. Noves became president in 1905, appointing Jake Stahl as his manager. Loftis was the last man connected with the club who filled both positions, that of president and manager.

Postal returned to his home in Detroit and became widely known as a hotel proprietor. For years the traveling baseball clubs stayed at the Griawold, serving to advertise it everywhere. Becoming interested in the harness business, Postal also attracted the Grand Circuit and its thousands of followers. About the only prominent driver who failed to register at the Griawold was "Pop" Geers, the veteran of veterans, who absolutely refused to give up the Normandy, his favorite.

Though his connections with Washington had been severed, Postal continued to take interest in the doings of the team representing the Capital. We stayed at the Griawold five or six years ago, and found that the proprietor was right up to date on baseball affairs at Georgia avenue.

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## Eighteen Runs Travel Across Platter Before Third Man Can Perish

In a now famous Chicago-Detroit baseball game the scoring record for a single inning was established. This greatest slugfest in professional baseball came in the seventh frame of a contest between Top Anson's hard-hitting White Stockings and the Detroiters, then in the National League.

Eighteen White Stockings made the circuit of the bases during the lucky-for Chicago—seventh inning, and twenty-four men went to bat during that time. The final score of the game was 26 to 6, in favor of Anson's team, which was playing on the home grounds in the Windy City.

The Detroit pitcher who figured in the slaughter was—well, never mind who he was. For one thing, let's have a heart.

## ATHLETES MAKING LEADING SOLDIERS

The lad who has learned his lesson of taking a sound drubbing in athletics without showing the "yellow streak," is the soldier the Allies want over here.

This statement was contained in a letter received recently from Ted Meredith of the University of Pennsylvania, world's record holder of the half-mile, who, with Tommy Lennon, another former noted college sprinter, is now flying in France with the American aviation forces.

"The tried veteran of the athletic field," Meredith added, "makes the superior soldier. Sportsmen in America should do all in their power to prove to the general public that athletics are playing a most important part in the great strife over here."

"To discontinue athletics at the present time would be an unthinkable hardship to the men, both behind and on the firing line."

"Supporters must be constantly backing up the boys in the first line trenches, if the victory for which we are all hoping is to be achieved, and nothing keeps a man as game and aggressive as to give him the athletic play he desires during his time off duty."

## RELEASES FOLWELL

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Bob Folwell will coach the Pennsylvania football eleven this season. He has been released, not unconditionally, however, but provisionally.

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PITTSBURGH, Sept. 19.—Barney Dreyfuss, owner and president of the Pittsburgh National League club, welcomes a suspension of baseball, saying that the game needs it.

"It's a good thing that baseball has been stopped at this time," says Dreyfuss. "The game had fallen in to disfavor and needed a rest. Mismanagement, unfair criticism and the player's greed put baseball out of commission."

"I don't believe there will be an attempt to revive the sport until after the war is over. But when that time arrives there must be a complete reorganization from the National all the way down the line. I have \$1,000,000 invested in baseball and I do not intend to have my interests handled by men who do not attend to business."

"There must be reforms in controlling the ball players. They can't run things to suit themselves. The players have an idea that baseball is promoted for their special benefit and they have no regard for the welfare of the public or their employers. The strike of the world's series teams was a fair sample of the players' ideas of how the game should be conducted."

Match Postponed.  
Miss Mollie Bjurstedt, woman's champion tennis player, will give exhibitions here October 12 and 13. Miss Bjurstedt will play at Columbia Saturday and at Chevy Chase on Monday.

## RED SOX TARZAN PROVES RIGHT TO HIS NEW NAME

The coldest village in this man's land in January is Sudbury, Mass. It is there Babe Ruth, the 18-karat star of baseball, shivers through life from the tail-end of a season 'till he starts on the Southern training jaunt the first week in March.

A stereotype habit of Boston baseball writers during the bleak winter months is to visit the homes of the various ball-flinging athletes. Through these writings the New England fan keeps in close touch with his favorites of the diamond.

And so, picking out one of the rawest days of last January, Melville Webb, a Boston sporting writer, took it upon himself to hie to Sudbury to get a Sunday feature.

Mel left Boston with the intention of remaining the week-end at the Ruth home. But he didn't. He stayed just long enough to catch the first train back to the Hub. Well, endeavor to tell you why. Here goes: "I arrived at Babe's place about noon," Mel started off in telling about his trip. "Babe met me at the station and we walked over to his house, about 15 minutes of hiking through snow four inches deep."

Met Him at the Door.  
"Mrs. Ruth met us at the door, and after I was introduced to the fair lady Babe suggested that I have something to eat. 'Cook him something nice, Hon,' said Babe."

"Mrs. Ruth was shy on wood and suggested that Babe cut some, so the big fellow walked out a few paces and felled a couple of green saplings."

"I don't chop down any more wood than we actually need at one time," Ruth told Webb, adding that he had found some of his neighbors preferred their fuel managed by other hands than their own.

"The fire was finally started," Webb continued, "but after a few minutes Babe took a look at it and was far from satisfied the way it was proceeding."

Pours on Kerosene.  
"The big fellow walked over to a corner of the kitchen, picked up a five-gallon can of kerosene and proceeded to pour the ingredient on the smoldering wood."

"I say, Babe, aren't you taking a chance there?"  
"Oh, no, Mel, there's no danger. I never 'boiled over' doing this—just is, 'cept twice. Once it was my fault, and the other time it wasn't."

"The time it was my fault I poured the kerosene in under the fire through the draft door. I sure was wrong that time, for the physics blew the top right off the stove."

"The time I wasn't to blame was when I made a mistake and grabbed the gasoline can."

WILL ENTER STATE.  
Donald Pepper, John Groves, and Phillip Rosenbusch, three Western High School athletes, are due to enter Maryland State College this fall. Pepper played football and basketball at Western, as did Groves. Rosenbusch played center on the basketball team. All three lads are baseball players.



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